

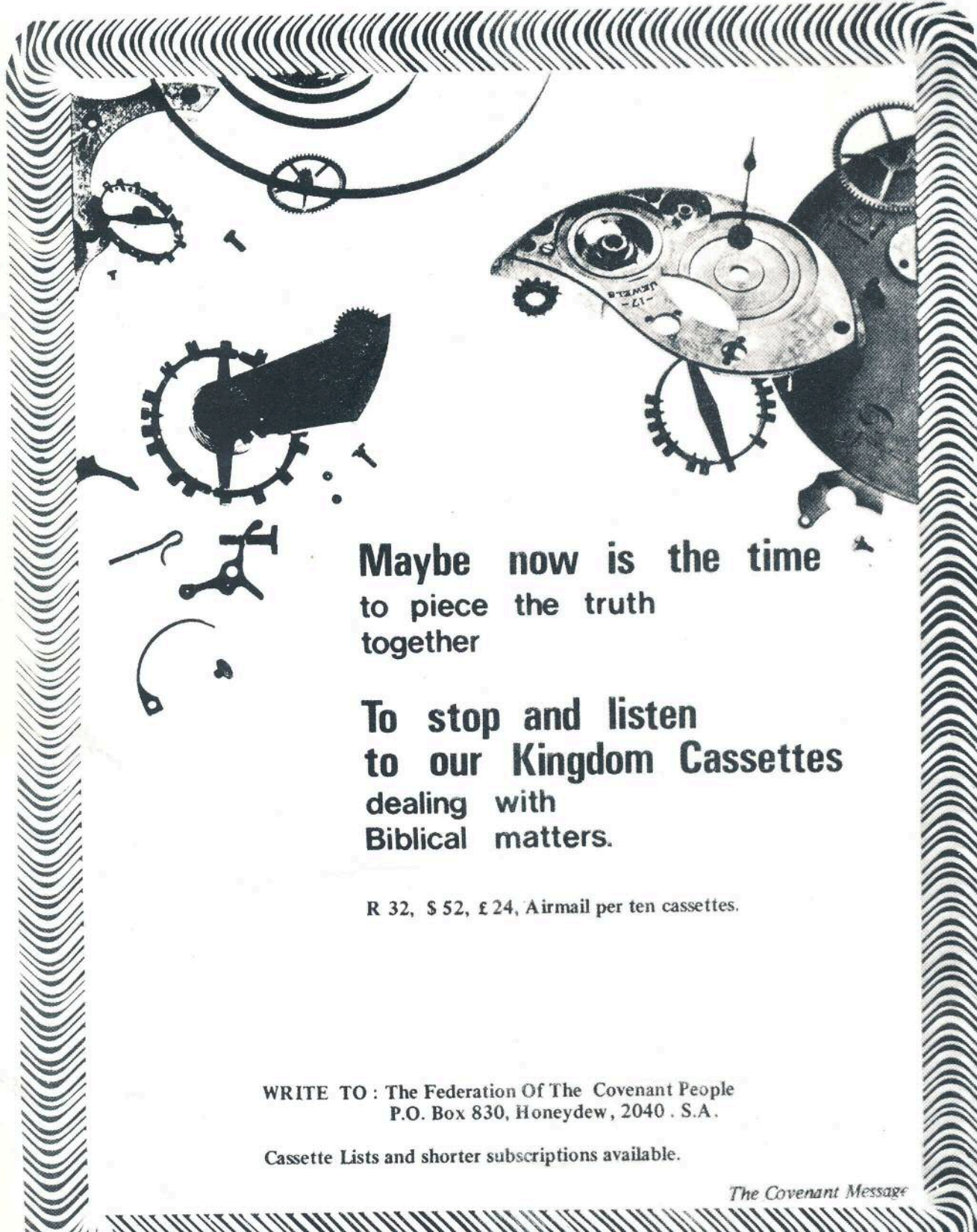
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Dear Reader,

As we venture into the future, a fresh look at and an acceptance of the deteriorating condition among our people is more than timely. Now that unmanned spacecraft explore other planets with technology reaching undreamed of heights in other fields as well, it is no longer impossible to believe that the civilisation our forebears built has been manipulated over a period of many years.

The evidence of this manipulation, as shown in the articles of this issue of *The Covenant Message*, covers many aspects of life and evil and self-seeking men are exposed. However, at all times it must be realised that their plans and their power can never diminish the Plans and Power of the Almighty.

Thus — *“Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies”* (Ps. 60:12).

Sincerely yours,

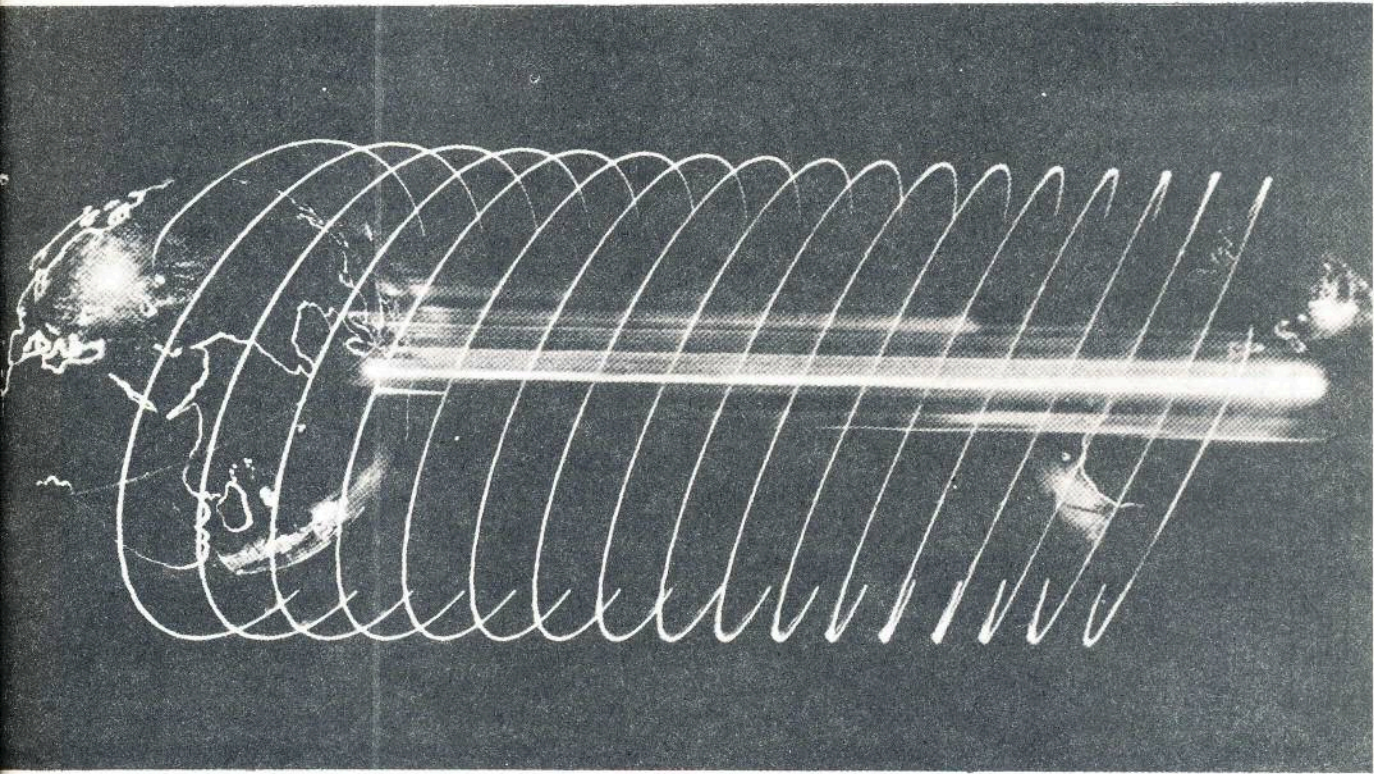
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THE HIDDEN POWER

IF THE IDEAL OF NATIONHOOD AND RACIAL INTEGRITY IS NOT PRESERVED AS A LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS THEN THAT NATION OR RACE WILL BECOME EXTINCT. This is a simple fact of life. Yet another fact is that those who are prepared to accept — or simply remain unmoved over — anti-nation and anti-race actions — are unnatural to the point of perversion. THEY ARE DESTROYERS. An attitude which, in many cases is due to a twisted form of religion. A religion which has been thrust upon Western man and which unfortunately, he has accepted without a murmur. Indeed, all too often Western man has developed a sanctimonious, self-righteous pride over his new “Christian” outlook and will not see that this encourages the destruction of his racial identity.

“Come, away with them, . . . let them be a nation no longer . . .” These words,



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although uttered many, many years ago, have a certain familiarity today. They were uttered then by Asaph, the son of Berechiah of the family of Gershom, a prominent poet and musician who had been appointed by David of Israel to preside over the sacred choral services. Asaph lamented what was happening among his people: *"Rest not, O God; O God, be neither silent nor still, for thy enemies are making a tumult, and those that hate thee carry their heads high. THEY DEVISE CUNNING SCHEMES against thy people and CONSPIRE against those thou hast made thy treasure: 'COME, AWAY WITH THEM,' they cry, 'LET THEM BE A NATION NO LONGER, let Israel's name be remembered no more. With one mind they have agreed together to make a league against thee . . .'"*

This translation from the *New English Bible* of Psalm 83 clearly reveals that a situation had arisen in Israel of old in which

schemes to destroy the people were being planned by an anti-God conspiracy determined on making a tumult — causing an uproar, a disturbance or turbulence. *And when there is tumult of the mind there is utter confusion*, which is precisely what exists today among the very same people. A people who have forgotten their name and where they came from originally. Indeed, they have also forgotten their national status of just a few short years ago!

THE CONSPIRACY WAS COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL IN ITS INTRIGUES for the Israel people of that day did not know what was happening to them, did not see the danger of stranger or alien infiltration and were totally oblivious of the fact that they were being engineered into a mould which was the very antithesis of what the LORD required of them.

AND TODAY? "Our values, ethics,

sexual morality, ideals, beliefs, historical perspective and world outlook have been distorted from their true and natural course of development, twisted and warped... Our concepts of honour and self-hood have been distorted. Our concepts of country and nation have been distorted... From a great people proudly in control of our own destiny we have been distorted and warped. Massive distortion has already occurred and ever more is occurring, but of all the distortions those most fraught with danger and meaning are the distortions of our concept and sense of race."

"But now thus saith the LORD, that CREATED thee O Jacob, and he that FORMED thee O Israel..." (Isa. 43:1). "This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise" (Isa. 43:21).

A nation CREATED and FORMED and a nation that the LORD required should keep His Commandments and Statutes. But now — as then — a nation DISTORTED and WARPED. And — *a conspiracy still totally successful.*

AN INSIDIOUS AGGRESSION was what Asaph and many others recognised within Israel as a steady erosion of law and order took place. The people did not seem to know what was happening to them. They sincerely believed that the temple, its ordinances and its rituals superseded all that Moses had told them concerning the *Law of the Lord*. To them it was in order that they adhere to the dictates of the priests. The incredible thing about all this being that while Israel was conned into believing in the effectiveness of their obedience to the temple and the priests, the conspirators, although the Law had NOT been given to them, BELIEVED. They knew that nothing would stop the judgments of the LORD and, trusting in the validity of those judgments, they encouraged the nation to support the temple and the priests.

These conspirators knew that if they could get the whole nation to believe that propitiatory or appeasing sacrifice was more important than the Law; if they could get the whole nation to accept that the temple and its authority were an updated version of the WILL of the LORD then they, the conspirators, would be successful. The nation together with all memory of its identity would be destroyed.

Their surmise was correct for the punishment for Law transgression took effect within Israel even though the LORD, through the prophet Hosea, warned the people concerning the deteriorating situation. He emphasised that the people were being deliberately destroyed through lack of knowledge. However, they did not believe the LORD or for that matter, Hosea. The power of the priesthood was far too great and in any case, their own understanding of the situation was to them more feasible. They were worshipping in the Temple and were offering up expensive blood-sacrifices. What more could the LORD want?

ISRAEL THUS WENT INTO CAPTIVITY and the people were stunned. Both the House of Israel and the House of Judah could not accept what was happening to them and certainly could not accept that it was *their* neglect of the Commandments and Statutes which was having its effect on the nation.

The conspiracy was thus most successful and jubilant and, as the last remnant of Israel was taken into Babylon, this anti-God element felt it had every reason to congratulate itself. Not only had it succeeded in getting the Israel nation to accomplish its own end in the land of Canaan, it had achieved the equally imperative objective in creating national blindness. The true Israel people would no longer recognise that *they* were Israel. The scene was now set for the creation of a new entity which would henceforth be known by

that name.

THE GREATEST CON-GAME OF ALL TIME WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN.

However, before following the next step in the conspiracy against true Israel, attention must be drawn to one or two aspects of the historical record which has to do with the kingdom of Judah and the final one hundred years or so of its existence in Canaan for in this account, the conspiracy may also be seen at work.

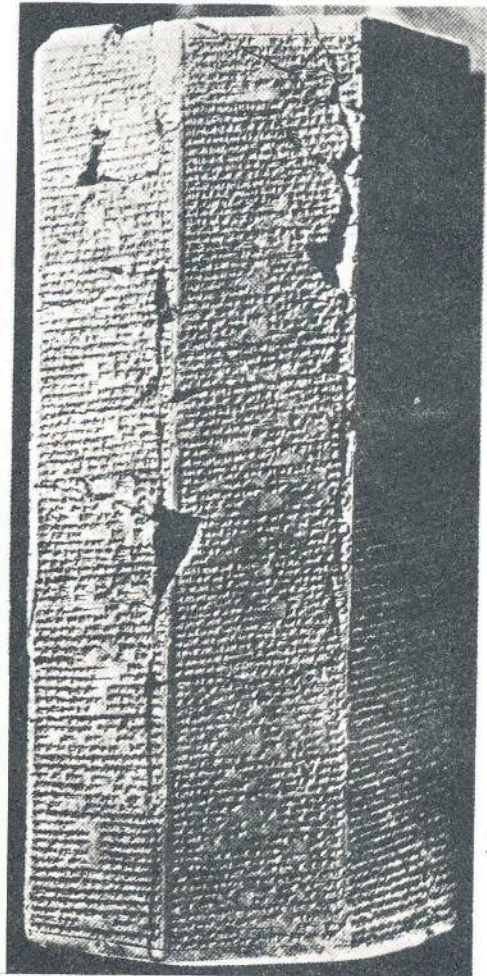
Twenty years after Samaria in the north had fallen to the Assyrians, in 701 B.C., Sennacherib, the Assyrian, invaded Judah and on an examination of the three accounts of this invasion it will be seen how historical facts were blurred over when the scribes wrote their version of the event: the three accounts are found —

- (1) In 2nd Kings 18:13-16
- (2) In 2nd Chronicles 32:1-8
- (3) On Sennacherib's prism (now in the British Museum).

THE FIRST ACCOUNT — in 2nd Kings 18 — states that Sennacherib came up against all the fenced cities of Judah and took them — after which, Hezekiah, the King of Judah, realising that the Assyrians were aiming at a siege of Jerusalem, offered tribute to Sennacherib which was accepted. In this account, *no captives were apparently taken by the Assyrians* even though it is admitted that all the fenced or fortified cities of Judah were taken or conquered by Sennacherib.

THE SECOND ACCOUNT — in 2nd Chronicles 32 — states that Sennacherib entered Judah and encamped against the fenced cities THINKING to win them for himself — he is not said to have taken the cities only to have THOUGHT about it —

PRISM OF SENNACHERIB



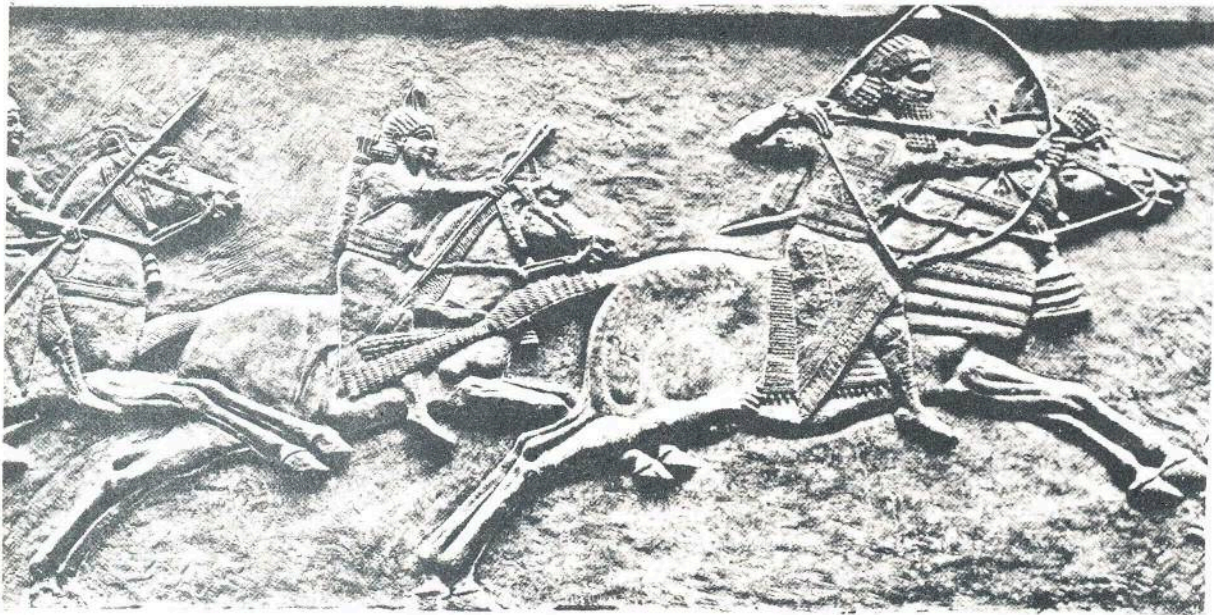
but in the process, he apparently sent servants to Hezekiah seeking to terrify Jerusalem into submission. However, he was not successful and after a prayer by Hezekiah, the LORD destroyed the Assyrian army and so ended the threat. There is no suggestion in the Chronicles record of any captives from Judah having been taken to Assyria. A strange feature when the military enterprises of those far-off days are considered.

SENNACHERIB'S PRISM on the other hand states, that in his invasion of Judah, he came up against and took "forty-six of the fortified cities of Judah" plus the small towns in the neighbourhood of those cities — *removing two hundred thousand, one hundred and fifty captives in the process.* Even allowing for exaggeration on the part of the Assyrian scribe it is patently obvious that a large number of Judahites were taken in the Assyrian invasion and placed together with other captives taken by the Assyrians in the expansion of that empire. Yet, for some reason or other, the scriptural account implies that none of Judah were taken to Assyria — an implication which certainly opens the door to considerable speculation.

Moving forward and spanning roughly a hundred years, in 2nd Kings, 24, there is the account of the first BABYLONIAN invasion of Judah and whereas the scripture is silent about captives being removed in the ASSYRIAN INVASION there is *no* mystery over the numbers deported to Babylon: "*And he (i.e. Nebuchadnezzar) carried away ALL JERUSALEM, and ALL THE PRINCES, and ALL THE MIGHTY MEN OF VALOUR, even ten thousand captives, and ALL the craftsmen and smiths: none remained save the poorest sort of the people of the land.*"

There is of course, no way to determine how many people were left — either in the kingdom of Judah or in Jerusalem. The

ASSYRIAN BAS-RELIEF



expression *"the poorest sort of people of the land"* being no guide in this instance.

The *New English Bible* while speaking of the *"weakest class of people"* being left in the land and confirming that ten thousand *"officers and fighting men"* or *"princes and mighty men of valour"* were taken adds: *"He also deported to Babylon all the men of substance, seven thousand in number, and a thousand craftsmen and smiths, all of the able bodied and skilled armours. He made Mattaniah, uncle of Jehoiachin, king in his place and changed his name to Zedekiah."*

THE POINT TO NOTE here is that *"the poorest sort of people"* or the *"weakest class of people"* hardly form the basis for

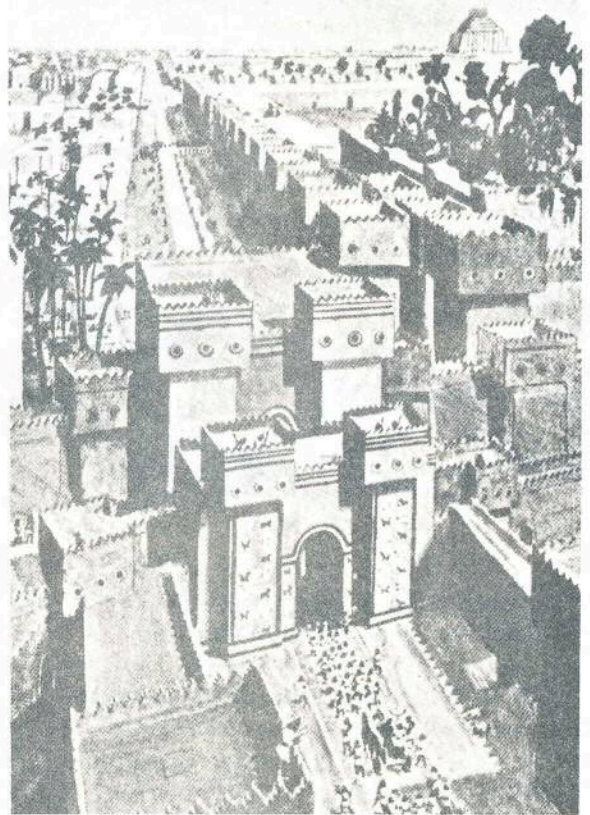
the struggle some twelve years later when Zedekiah contested Nebuchadnezzar's siege of Jerusalem — a siege which lasted two years against the cream of the Babylonian army. However, be that as it may, Babylon won and Judah was finally taken into captivity. All Israel came to an ignominious end in Canaan. An end which many years before they had even entered the land, Moses had warned would happen. Their time in Canaan would not be for ever. *"I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall be utterly destroyed"* (Deut. 4:26). Now it had all happened.

TO RETURN WAS IMPOSSIBLE. In any case, the LORD had stipulated that He had prepared another place for His people. They would eventually migrate to the west, east, north and south. In time the nation, *the literal "seed" of Jacob*, would spread abroad with the words in Genesis 28:14 precluding any notion of it being a spiritual spreading. Indeed, there was nothing "spiritual" about the entire matter for they should: *"Reflect on the ages of years, ask your father who will inform you, your elders and they will relate, how the Highest allocated the races when He divided the sons of man, FIXING THE BOUNDS OF THE NATIONS WITH A PLACE FOR ISRAEL'S SONS"* (Deut. 32:7 Ferrar Fenton Translation).

THE PATTERN OF INTRIGUE DID NOT END. It could not end for it was essential to the conspiracy that Canaan, Jerusalem and the temple were seen as indispensable. The name of "Israel" had to remain in a Canaanite or Palestinian context if their plans were to succeed and in the Books of Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai and Zechariah may be found the picture of the founding of the state of Judaea with the impression given in these Books that it was set up by the elite of Judah. This impression disregards entirely the fact that according to Jeremiah, the LORD categorically stated He had removed Judah from Canaan for their own good. And if He had done so for this reason, it hardly seems logical that He would return them to the same environment a mere fifty years later. Yet this is precisely what the conspiracy encouraged people to believe and they have been so successful in the execution of their plan that almost eighty percent of true Israel believes that those who returned to Judaea were the true Israelites while THEY themselves are the "gentiles" – the heathen?

THE JUDAEAN NATION was established. A nation that was political and not racial although today the word "nation" is bandi-

THE MIGHTY BABYLON OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR



ed about very freely as are many other words with few caring to establish their proper meaning. Such a case being the word "gentile" which originates from the Latin "gentiles – gent or gens – meaning a nation. Gentis (root gen, gigno, that which belongs together by birth or descent), a race or clan embracing several families united together by a common name... At one

time only the patrician but later also plebeians . . ." The word *Gentilis* is defined as: "Of or belonging to the same clan, stock or race — a person belonging to the same family or *gens*, a relative bearing the same name . . ."

The same meaning is found in the Greek word *ethnos* while in the Hebrew, the equivalent word is *gōwy*. However, with the passage of time, the three words *gōwy*, *ethnos* and *gentilis* were given secondary meanings and the source of this change may be historically traced to the Judaeans.

BEFORE THE CAPTIVITIES, true Israel simply called the nations around them the *gelil ha-goyim* which literally translated, meant "circle of the nations" and this carried no stigma whatsoever. However, after the Judaeans "nation" usurped the Israel role they introduced a secondary meaning for the Hebrew *gōwy* in that anyone who practised a different faith to their own was labelled as a "heathen".

Thus, to the Jewish mind and in the Jewish vocabulary, the Hebrew word *gōwy* — *goy* — irrespective of its primary meaning of "nation", meant a heathen.

Later, when the scriptures were translated into Latin, Jewish thought still prevailed and the ecclesiastics took the Latin *gens* and gave it a secondary meaning which survives to the present day in the word *gentile*. Individuals, groups and nations who are not of the Jewish faith are therefore called "*Gentiles*" — heathens — thus perpetuating the plans of the conspiracy in their masquerade. "ALL IS RACE; THERE IS NO OTHER TRUTH" wrote Benjamin Disraeli in 1868 and, being of the Judaeans "nation" with its mixed racial make-up, Disraeli could almost have been acknowledging that without a clear racial inheritance nothing was worthwhile, not even the highest position in the land where a large portion of true Israel resided.

Today the theology of the conspiracy in its many guises is based on the phrase "the brotherhood of man" and tragically — "The result has been an increasing sense of rootlessness, a lack of moral certainty, and absence of national interest to identify with, and a sterile, dispiriting vacuum where there should be something uplifting to believe in. This cultural estrangement and rootlessness has been the primary contributor to the increased incidence of drug use and homosexuality. When people have nothing to believe in, no model to emulate, they frequently have a confused sense of self-identity and cease believing in themselves . . . The cure . . . MUST COME FROM WITHIN . . . Northern man, (*true Israel*) in his confusing response to the multi-racial culture around him, is betraying, sacrificing, abandoning and turning against the culture and values of his own race and civilisation . . ." So wrote Richard McCulloch who could see that as a race, we are increasingly being called upon to betray and abandon our identity.

THE ROT MUST STOP RIGHT NOW and indeed, it will be stopped for: "*Thus saith the LORD which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar: The LORD of hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me forever.*"

This is a Promise which should always be remembered together with a racial integrity based on the *Law of the Lord* for then the plans of the conspiracy will be defeated once and for all and their cry: "*Come, away with them . . . let them be a nation no longer . . .*" will go unheeded.

THE HIDDEN POWER WILL BE REVEALED AND THEIR PLANS DESTROYED. ■

WHAT KIND OF BABY BOOM?



NOEL A. HUNT
LOOKS BEHIND THE CALL FOR
MORE EUROPEAN BIRTHS

"You will more easily stamp out intelligence and learning than recall them"

Tacitus: *AGRICOLA*

On April 12th, the European Parliament called on its members "to study practical measures which could be taken to ensure that more babies are born in Europe." We are told that in terms of world population the proportion of European babies is falling and that "population trends in Europe will have a decisive effect on the development of Europe, and will determine the significance of the role which Europe will play in the world in future decades."

One supposes that most Europeans who read this news item did so with disinterest or

some small degree of approval. On the face of it, the proposal seems harmless, perhaps even commendable. In fact, in the form in which it is stated the proposal is neither harmless nor commendable. If more European babies are born as matters stand at present they are most unlikely to do anything to arrest the decline of Europe.

The reason is not far to seek: all European countries are more or less Socialistic, the degree of Socialism ranging from the welfare state gone mad of the Scandinavian countries to the crypto-Socialism which today masquerades as Conservatism in Britain. This means that in every European country health services are heavily subsidised by the State, child allowances are paid and assistance of all sorts is made available to parents. So that this may be done, heavy taxes must be paid by those in employment. It can unkindly but accurately be said that throughout Europe the competent are taxed

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to support the incompetent.

Breeding Down

This indiscriminate subsidisation of birth costs and health services is vicious, for two reasons. *Firstly the system of subsidies and grants in aid encourages the feckless to continue to breed recklessly.* Why should they not? The State is paying. Thus those who should not be reproducing themselves are encouraged to do so. *In the second place, the competent, careful and prudent – who should be breeding – are discouraged from having children by the fiscal system, which compels them to support the drones of our society.* Those at the base of the social pyramid are largely indifferent to and contemptuous of education. The more valuable stocks hesitate to have children because they cannot afford, after supporting the drones, to give their children the sort of education and background which they wish for them. “Birth control campaigns”, as they are called, only make matters worse. The stupid and feckless pay no attention and spawn as recklessly and irresponsibly as ever. The prudent and the longsighted, already limiting their families for the reasons given above, tend to heed the propaganda and as a result have even fewer children. Thus stocks which should at all costs be prevented from reproducing themselves are allowed to breed freely, to our great detriment, while the stocks which we as a nation desperately require to breed are inhibited from doing so.

Further, with subsidised health services universally available, every human being born is kept alive and in turn allowed, and even encouraged, to breed. The products of this unrestricted spawning are in turn kept alive and encouraged to reproduce themselves. The White races have in fact managed to create a perfect system for ensuring that they breed down rather than up. This process has now been going on for about three generations, and the results are plain to be seen everywhere. Dr. Elmer Pendell uttered a great truth when he remarked that

sex destroys civilisations.” The massive Coloured influx with its consequent miscegenation assists in the process of breeding down. Add to this the enormous losses of the best White breeding stock in two world wars, plus losses of valuable stocks by emigration of the enterprising and the virile, and we have a certain recipe for the extinction of our race.

It takes centuries to create a racial type. It needs only decades of subsidy and miscegenation to destroy it. More babies born to the Italian *lazzaroni*, the inhabitants of the French *bidonvilles* and the people in Britain’s Toxteth and Brixton will do nothing to improve the European stock. In fact they



will make matters worse. It would indeed be fascinating to hear one of our Euro-MPs trying to explain precisely how we as Europeans would benefit from a rise in the birth rate of Portuguese fishermen or Greek peasants. Each in its time was one of the most valuable of the human stocks produced in the West. Each was destroyed by miscegenation.

Top 10 Percent

A civilisation is kept alive and moving forward – and unless it is moving forward it

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is dying — by the top ten percent of its population in terms of brains, energy, foresight, organising ability and similar desirable qualities. The rest of the population are more or less pulled along in the train of this creative and problem-solving minority. What Europe desperately needs is not more babies, but more babies of the highest possible quality. A million more zeros will still add up to zero. As Europeans we are steadily breeding down; yet if we are to survive we must breed up. If we decided as a matter of national and racial policy to do this we might even at this late hour, manage to survive. If we do not we shall certainly perish.



However, as far as one can be certain of anything in human affairs, we may be certain that no measures to improve the quality of our race will be allowed. There will of course be an impressive array of noble, high-sounding and humanitarian reasons for doing nothing. It will never be mentioned by anyone that a virile and intelligent White race would not fit in with the plans for world government now moving so rapidly towards success. If it is to succeed — and those who rule our rulers are determined that it shall — what is needed is a mindless, brainless proletariat such as the welfare state is so admirably designed to produce. It would mean sweeping away the egalitarian

cant which for years has told us that all human lives are equally sacred and equally valuable — except of course those of White South Africans. It would mean that we should have to seek out and give special training to bright children. It would mean encouraging the intelligent and superior types to breed — having admitted that some types are superior to others — and discouraging the inferior types from breeding. In fact we should have to set about consciously creating an *élite*, in the hope that we can do it soon enough to lead us away from the hell of the World State which now waits to enslave us. It would entail conceding that bright people are likely to have bright children and encouraging them to have them. It would also entail admitting that dullards are likely to produce dunces, and the imposition of disincentives on such people to discourage breeding. Everyone is of course well aware that this is how matters are in the world, but no politician seems willing to admit it.

As things stand at present it is almost impossible to imagine the present set of political pygmies, their brains rotted by years of egalitarian claptrap, accepting the need for improving the racial stock. Still less can one see the media campaigning for an improvement in the racial stock. Too many of them seem to hate their own race and their own culture and would like nothing better than to see them destroyed. Yet if we do not very soon start to breed up rather than down and consciously to create an *élite*, we shall inevitably become part of the slave population of the World Government which is just around the corner. Sir James Frazer uttered a great truth when he said that “No abstract doctrine is more false and mischievous than that of the natural equality of man.” Yet for generations we have pretended that this false and mischievous doctrine is true, and true not only of ourselves but of all races everywhere. What is worse, we have acted and legislated as if this fairy story were the truth. We must come to our senses or we are lost. ♦

SCIENCE IS

The danger expressed by the above title is not fully appreciated by the average person and yet, since the discovery of the atom, there has been a growing awareness among scientists of the possibility of obtaining an even greater power over life itself. Not surprisingly in view of this, universities around the world are continually enlarging their science faculties in order to deal with not only the atom and nuclear fission, but with every aspect concerning living matter and how best this may be controlled.

Materialists in the scientific fields appear to have no problem when it comes to the possibility of manipulating "life" since to them, animals and man are merely huge quantities of atomic particles in motion. The question as to whether motion or movements of these particles are predetermined in every phase of their activity or have a "free will", hardly seems to worry them. It all depends on how the particular scientist views the law of the universe. Yet, what remains clear is that "a full and complete knowledge of the entire universe can be possessed only by a being who is everywhere at once and who sees everything at the same instant." And no scientist no matter how clever can do this.

Science today is unquestionably breeding a new generation of "gods" and a danger lies in the fact that, with moral values now seriously depleted, these "gods" hold in their hands many terrible weapons not only of destruction but for manipulation.

Naturally and as a well known professor of chemistry wrote some years ago, in evaluating the various scientific discoveries extreme care must be taken not to repeat the mistakes of the early church. When for instance, Copernicus introduced his system of astronomy, it was considered impossible to reconcile this with church doctrine. At this time the earth was thought to be the centre and principle body of creation, immovably fixed, with smaller heavenly bodies revolving around it. No one could believe that the earth was a vast globe. To the church fathers it was definitely a flat sur-

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face resting on some type of foundation and only a few thousand or even hundred miles in extent. The stars or small lights were just a few miles away and Copernicus' theory that these were in actual fact a tremendous distance from the earth which in any case, was round and not a fixture, was unthinkable. While the idea that the earth rotated round the sun the real centre of the entire universe, was more than a little unpopular. This in fact, was rank heresy and not to be countenanced.

An attitude such as this is of course, destructive. On the other hand, science does *not* know everything and can never be dogmatic on all accounts. Indeed, even now and in spite of the tremendous advances which unquestionably have been made, science is *not* infallible and in particular on the subject of the origin of all living matter. It is true that science will "... readily admit that no being has ever been seen to form itself spontaneously but will not admit that life cannot be produced without germs." Yet from time to time, the story is released that the secret of life itself is on the verge of being discovered.

One of the strongest arguments against those who place living creatures side by side with inanimate things is that: "... all known living substances from the lowest to the highest, proceed by way of generation from similar substances already endowed with life. Inanimate matter can never of itself pass into the condition of living matter. As long as lifeless matter is subject to physical and chemical forces only, it can only be consumed, or transformed into other inert matter, which is subject to the same law ...

"... All germs, no matter how rudimentary they are at the beginning, reproduce the form of the parent. If the influence of their environment (or if there is manipulation) should tend to cause a deviation, it is of such a nature that it continues to bear evidence of the goal for which it was intended. One single cell carries in itself the power to become here a flower, elsewhere a sturdy oak. Anyone who could detect in the germ the design of the development would be clever indeed. It is truly a creation. As the cells divide they assume a foreordained shape and eventually form a pre-determined organ. *The final result always resembles the parent from which the germ originally came.*"

It is important to note that any claim by science to have "created" life is spurious. However, that it is now manipulating life is true and here readers may recall that in the December 1983 issue of *The Covenant Message* attention



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was drawn to a 1978 *U.S. Court of Customs and Patent Appeals* which ruled that any corporation that *creates a new form of life* in the laboratory *can patent it*. In this particular case it was a bacteria for cleaning up oil spills, but the word "create" was incorrect and should have been "clone". The deliberate joining of two "creatures" already in existence for in everything, *life is produced by life*.

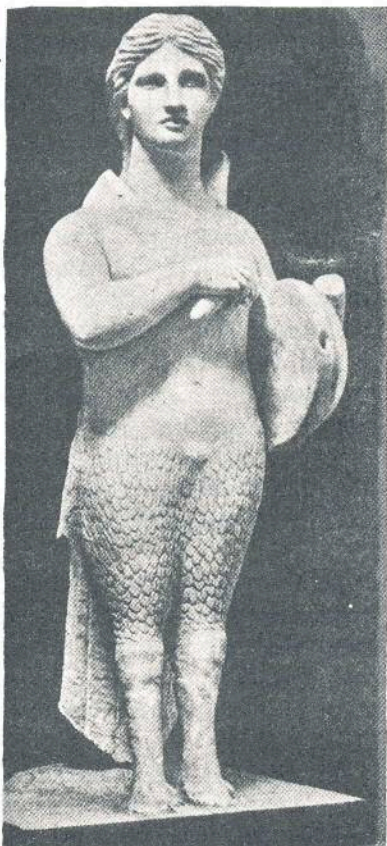
The "gods" In Action

It is always extremely difficult to explain and even understand scientific matters unless one has studied the subject fully but it is now known that the complex biological process whereby living organisms reproduce themselves, creating copies of their parents, is possible by the genetic code. To put it as simply as possible, all organisms or living creatures no matter how small, possess a degree of structural and functional difference and all have their own particular use. They are capable of growing and reproducing and have in their cells chromosomes, minute bodies which exist in definite number in the germ-cells. These very tiny bodies within each cell hold the complete hereditary characteristics of their parent cell.

The challenge to science is to take different families of the same species and even different species and join these — cross fertilise — and already there is the ability to manipulate Man's own reproduction capabilities in this way.

The word "clone" comes from the Greek word "*klon* — twig" and now applies not only to grafting plants but to animals. One of the earliest of such experiments having been conducted in England when the nucleus of a fertilised frog's egg was replaced with the nuclear material from another cell of the same frog. The egg proceeded to develop, subdivide and create progeny showing that no matter where the correct set of matching chromosomes were obtained, there would still be tadpoles.

The next step was inevitable. The cloning of human beings. But in cloning the offspring is an exact copy of the source of the unsplit set of chromosomes. So the matter did not stop there for the "gods" now felt they had the world at their feet. Researchers proceeded to perfect a process called "cell fusion" which made it possible to fuse cells rather than combine chromosomes within a single cell. Now cells *from different* sources were fused into a "supercell" and within it were two nuclei and a double set of paired chromosomes. "When this cell splits, the mixture of nuclei and



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chromosomes may split in a pattern *different* from that of each cell before the fusion. The result can be two new cells of genetic codes, completely garbled as far as the ancestor cells were concerned."

Thus cells from completely different living organisms can be joined or fused to produce new and strange animals and this has led to "genetic transplant" and further and even more horrifying, "it is now possible to pick up from certain bacteria a single specific gene and introduce that gene into an animal or human cell, giving the offspring an added characteristic."

Recently the news media gave full coverage to the transplanting of the heart of a young baboon into the chest of a 14-day old girl who faced certain death because her own heart was improperly developed. What received less publication was the claim that a human heart was apparently ready to hand and also hardly mentioned was a statement by Dr. Samuel Muslin of the University of Illinois, U.S.A., that, compared with other patients who have undergone major operations, transplant patients show strong changes of character after surgery and are more likely to suffer from psychiatric problems. Two thirds of all transplant patients have marital problems after their transplants.

Nothing New Under The Sun

Techniques learnt in test-tube baby work and other scientific areas have undoubtedly made it possible to develop a new species of human beings even with fish-like gills to colonise the oceans. This was mentioned in a statement made at a conference on in-vitro fertilisation in May 1983 while a certain Dr. White made a number of predictions at another conference in London and stated: "If some of them sound horrific, I can only apologise and say that this is nevertheless the way scientists see the future as it may develop." The manipulation of human genes would make it possible to produce a "fish man" and other similar weird creatures.

In the work *The Twelfth Planet*, Zecharia Sitchin has wondered whether in the very ancient times there was also knowledge in the field of life sciences. However, whether the process was similar to cloning, cell fusion, genetic transplant or methods still unknown, remains a mystery.

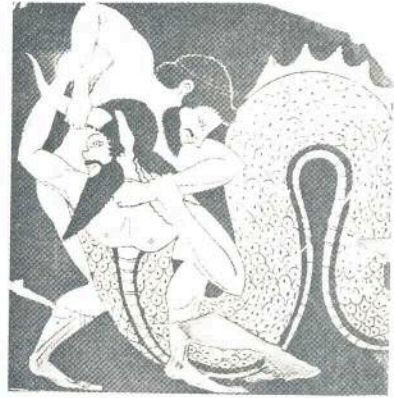
Mr. Sitchin has examined many ancient texts and found that according to Berossus, the Babylonian historian priest who in the third century B.C. compiled a history of Man-



kind, the deity Belus ("lord") — also called Deus ("god") — brought forth various "hideous Beings", which were produced of a two-fold principle.

"Men appeared with two wings, some with four or two faces. They had one body but two heads, the one of a man, the other of a woman. They were likewise in their several organs both male and female.

"Other human figures were to be seen with the legs and horns of goats, Some had horses feet; others had the limbs of a horse behind, but in front were fashioned like men, resembling hippocentaurs. Bulls likewise lived there with the heads of men; and dogs with four-fold bodies, and the tails of fishes. Also horses with the heads of dogs; men too and other animals with the heads and bodies of horses and the tails of fishes. In short, there were creatures with the limbs of every species of animal . . ."



The tale's baffling details hold hideous possibilities. Was there at some time, thousands of years ago, an attempt made to manufacture "creatures"? If so, they were certainly unable to reproduce for aside from adorning temple sites in the ancient Near East — they remain unsuccessful experiments commemorated in art and by statues. However, is this what modern science is attempting to achieve in future? To make "manufactured servants" in order to satisfy their own lust for power?

"The claims of ancient kings that they went to war, conquered new lands, or subjugated distant peoples 'on the command of my god' should not be taken lightly . . . The 'gods' retained the powers of conducting foreign affairs, for these affairs involved other 'gods' in other territories. Accordingly, they had the final say in matters of war or peace . . ."

"With the proliferation of people, states, cities, and villages, it became necessary to find ways to remind the people who their particular overlord, or 'lofty one' was . . . The solution was to establish many places of worship, and to put up in each of them the symbols and likeness of the 'correct' gods.

"The age of paganism began."

Will history repeat itself once again? For in science, there is an awful power indeed! ■

Many have sought power in the name of peace. Yet there is only one source of true power as this poem by Desmond Burgess reveals.

IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE



'I've struggled for peace the whole of my life,'
The terrorist calmly explained.
'And it isn't my fault that the innocent die;
It's terrible I should be blamed.'

'I've struggled for peace the whole of my life,'
The clerical personage said.
'And my triumphs are counted in souls I have saved;
Not in the ones that are dead.'

'I've struggled for peace the whole of my life,'
The militant atheist shouts.
'And God help the person who stands in my way;
Or ventures to say he has doubts.'

'I've struggled for peace the whole of my life,'
The armament vendor declaims.
'And it's no good denouncing the way I behave;
We both have identical aims.'

Waffle and lies are the offering today,
In making out peace is a *cause*;
When peace is the opposite — it's the *effect*
Of keeping and doing God's Laws.



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The Tree of Liberty.

Editor: There was a time – the modern history books tell us – when Freedom was within man's grasp. A golden age had dawned for now war belonged to the past and the time for sincere rejoicing had truly and finally come. But, as we probe the circumstances which exist today the conclusion that emerges is this: if freedom exists then there is something very wrong with our understanding of this word and further, there is something very wrong too with those we have installed as our leaders.

While the following excerpts – presented by the DON BELL REPORTS – from the farewell address to the American House of Representatives on September 19, 1984, by Representative Ron Paul, reveal the political position in the United States – it must be appreciated that it is a position which is by no means unique. Similar conditions exist in each and every Western country as well.

A CONGRESSMAN'S SWAN SONG

MR. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I shall be soon leaving the House and have asked for this special order to make a few comments regarding the problems our Nation faces and the actions needed to correct them... Thousands of men and women have come and gone here in our country's history, and except for the few, most go unnoticed and remain nameless in the pages of history, as I am sure I will be. The few who are remembered are those who were able to grab the

reins of power and, for the most part, use that power to the detriment of the Nation. We must remember achieving power is never the goal sought by a truly free society. Dissipation of power is the objective of those who love liberty. Others, tragically, will be remembered in a negative way for personal scandals. Yet those individuals whose shortcomings prompted the taking of bribes or involvement in illicit sexual activities have caused no more harm to society than those who used "legitimate" power to infringe upon individual liberty and expand the size of Government. Morally, the two are

closely related. *The acceptance of a bribe is a horrible act indeed for a public servant, but reducing liberty is an outrageous act that causes suffering for generations to come...*

Since the time of our founding, few who have come to the Congress have been remembered for championing the cause of freedom. This is a sign of a declining Nation and indicates that respect for freedom is on the wane... Sadly, I have found that individual Members, even though we represent our one-half million constituents, are much less important than most of us would like to believe. *The elite few who control the strings of power are the only ones who really count in the legislative process.* Votes, of course, occur routinely after heated debate by all those who want to ventilate. But as C. Northcote Parkinson pointed out, the length of debate on an issue is inversely proportional to the importance of the issue. Many times debate is done either for therapy or as a ritual to force Members to make public commitments to those who wield the power, a mere litmus test of loyalty, thus qualifying some quietly to receive largess for their particular district. More often than not, the floor debates are a charade without real issues being dealt with — a mere chance for grandstanding... It's difficult for one who loves true liberty and utterly detests the power of the state to come to Washington for a period of time and not leave a cynic. Yet I am not... However, I do believe that if the Democrats and the Republicans played more baseball and legislated a lot less, the country would be much better off. I am convinced the annual baseball game played by the Republicans and the Democrats must be considered as one of the most productive events in which the Members of Congress participate.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take some time to point out some of the contradictions that I have observed in my four terms in the Congress... I have trouble believing that the foreign policy of the past 70 years has served the best interests of the United

States. The policy of international intervention has been followed during this time, regardless of the party in power. The traditional American policy of strategic independence and neutrality based on strength has been replaced by an international policy of sacrifice — a policy that has given us nearly a century of war. The last two wars were fought without formal declaration and without the goal of victory in mind. There are many specific examples to show how irrational this interventionist policy is. We pump \$40 billion a year into the Japanese economy by providing for essentially all of Japan's defence. At the same time Japan outcompetes us in the market. (We are) in effect subsidising their exports which undermine our domestic auto and steel industries. The result: greater deficits for us, higher taxes, more inflation, higher interest rates, and a cry by our producers for protectionism.

We insist that Western Europe take our Pershing missiles. We get the bill, and the hostility of the people of Western Europe, and then act surprised that the Soviets pull out of arms negotiations and send more modern nuclear submarines to our coastline. It's a sure guarantee that any conflict in Europe — even one between two socialist nations — will be our conflict. Standing by our ally Israel is in conflict with satisfying the Arab interests... We arm Jordan and Egypt, rescue the PLO (on two occasions), and guarantee that the American taxpayer will be funding both sides of any armed conflict in the Middle East. This policy prompts placing Marines armed with guns without bullets between two warring factions. Our F-15's shooting down our F-5's in the Persian Gulf war is our idea of neutrality and getting others to test our equipment. America's interests are forgotten under these circumstances... We allocate low-interest loans through the Export-Import Bank to build a pipeline for Iraq, giving huge profits to Shultz's Bechtel Corp., while hurting our domestic oil producers. On the day we "stood firm" against Communist aggression

in this hemisphere by invading Grenada, our President apologised to those liberal House Members who were "soft on communism" and pleaded for their vote to ensure the passage of the IMF bill so the "communist dictators" can continue to receive taxpayers' dollars — dollars used to support Castro's adventurism in the Caribbean and in Central America.

Our official policy currently is to be tough on communism but promote at the same time low-interest loans allowing Red China to buy nuclear technology, F-16's and other military technology — and this by the strongest anti-Communist administration that we've had in decades. We participate in the bailout of bankrupt Argentina as she continues to loan money to Castro's Cuba, which then prompts us to send men, money and weapons to counteract the spread of communism fomented by Castro. It's doubtful if any of these loans will be repaid and the military equipment and technology will probably end up being used against us at a later date. We talk about a close alliance with Taiwan while subsidising their hated enemy, Red China. We subsidise Red China's nuclear technology; at the same time, we allow Jane Fonda to ruin ours. We continually sacrifice ourselves to the world by assuming the role of world policemen, which precipitates international crises on a regular basis, while neglecting our own defences. New planes go overseas while our Air National Guard is forced to use planes 20 years old. We neglect our defences by signing treaties like Salt I and the ABM Treaty that prevents us from building a non-nuclear defence system and follow Salt II without even signing it. Result — a massive arms race based on a doctrine of mutual assured destruction . . . There are 42 wars now going on in the world and it's reported we're involved in many of them — on both sides. We have troops in a total of 121 countries . . . Our Export-Import Bank financed the building of the Kama River truck plant in Russia — trucks then used in the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan over a

road built by our own Corps of Engineers. Our response? Draft registration and an Olympic boycott.

Our economic policy is no less contradictory . . . Conservatives, for years, preached balanced budgets — until in charge. Then the deficits soared to \$200 billion per year. Liberal big spenders who led the way to runaway spending quickly excoriate conservative deficits and nothing happens; the deficit financing continues and accelerates . . . We learned nothing from the depression years and continue to pay farmers to raise crops not needed, and then pay them to stop planting. Our policies drive prices of commodities down, so we prop up the prices and buy up the surpluses. The consumer suffers, the farmer suffers, the country suffers. But our policies never change; we just legislate more of the same programmes that caused the problems in the first place. Our steel plants are closing down, so we pursue protectionism and stupidly continue to subsidise the building of steel plants throughout the world through our foreign aid projects. We pay for bridges and harbours throughout the world and neglect our own. We build highways around the world, raise gasoline taxes here, and routinely dodge potholes on our own highways . . . Economic intervention, a philosophy in itself and not a compromise with anything, is the cause of all these contradictions in the economy. Rejection of Government planning controlled by the powerful special interests at the expense of the general welfare is necessary, and even inevitable, for that system will fall under its own weight . . .

Social issues are handled in a contradictory manner as well. A basic misunderstanding of the nature of rights and little respect for the Constitution has given us a hodgepodge of social problems that worsen each day. At one time we bussed our children long distances from their homes to force segregation; now we bus them, against their will, to force integration . . . Certain individual groups, against the intent of the

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Constitution and the sentiments of a free society, agitate to make illegal privately owned guns used for self-defence. At the same time they increase the power of the state. Taking away the individual's right to own weapons of self-defence and giving unwarranted power to a police state can hardly be considered progress... The shortcomings of South Africa's apartheid system are denounced continuously by the same politicians who ignore the fact that in Communist countries dissidents aren't segregated; they are shot or sent to concentration camps. South Africans for their defective system of civil liberties are banned from the Olympics, while we beg the murdering Communists to come... The abortionist who makes a fortune dropping foetuses and infants into buckets, instead of being restrained by Government is encouraged by the courts and the law. Some show greater concern for the lives of seals than for the life of a human baby. Federal officials — IRS agents and drug enforcement agents — have been known to destroy the property and lives of totally innocent people as homes are entered mistakenly without search

warrants. Confiscation of property without due process of law is becoming more commonplace every day with the tactics of the IRS.

Our Government officials continue to endorse, in general, economic interventionism, a careless disregard for our property rights, and an international foreign policy. The ideas of liberty for the individual, freedom for the markets, both domestically and internationally, sound money, and a foreign policy of strategic independence based on strength are no longer popularly endorsed by our national leaders. Careless disregard for liberty allows the Government to violate the basic premises of a free society... The result is that we have neither a moral nor a free society... As nations lose respect for liberty, so too do they lose respect for individual responsibility. Laws are passed proposing no-fault insurance for injuries for which someone in particular was responsible. Remote generations are required to pay a heavy price for violations of civil liberties that occurred to the Blacks, to the Indians, and to Japanese-Americans. This is done only at the expense of someone else's



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civil liberties and in no way can be justified. Collective rights, group rights, in contrast to individual rights prompts laws based on collective guilt for parties not responsible for causing any damage . . . Government in a free society is recognised to be nothing more than an embodiment of the people. The sovereignty is held by the people. A planned coercive society talks vaguely of how Government provides this and that, as if Government were equivalent to the Creator . . .

The monetary system is an especially important area where the people and Congress have refused to assume their responsibility. Maintaining honest money — a proper role for Government — has been replaced by putting the counterfeiters in charge of the Government printing press. This system of funny money, provides a convenient method whereby Congress' excessive spending is paid for by the creation of new money . . . Congress assumes that it can make certain groups better off by robbing others of their wealth.

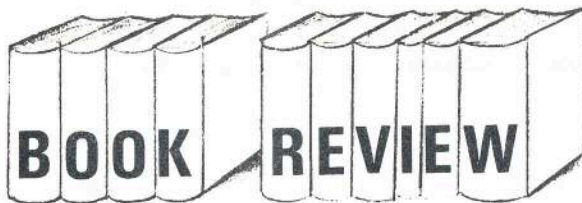
The crisis we face is clearly related to a loss of trust — trust in ourselves, in freedom, in our own Government and in our money. We are a litigious welfare society gone mad. Everyone feels compelled to grab whatever he can get from Government or by suit. The "something for nothing" obsession rules our every movement. Today the pride of self-reliance and personal achievement is buried by the ego-destroying policies of the planned interventionists of big government and replaced by the "satisfaction" of manipulating the political system to one's own special advantage. Score is kept by counting the Federal dollars allocated to the special group or the congressional district to which one belongs. This process cannot continue indefinitely. Something has to give — we must choose either freedom and prosperity or tyranny and poverty . . . More government cannot possibly offer the solution to the problems we face. Big government is the cause; freedom is the answer.

Of this speech the *Don Bell Reports** newsletter comments: Ron Paul was speaking, not to the general public, but to his fellow American Congressmen. He was reminding them of their sins of commission and omission, telling them things which most of us already knew, but things which so many political leaders overlook or ignore. Of such representatives of the people John Locke, an English statesman, observed that: "When the legislative is changed or the legislators act contrary to the end for which they were constituted those who are guilty are guilty of *rebellion*." We can strengthen that statement: "*Those legislators who act contrary to the dictates of the Constitution are guilty of treason.*" Thomas Jefferson reminded the patriots of his time that "*We are not to expect to be translated from despotism to liberty in a feather-bed.*" He added: "*What country can preserve its liberties if its rulers are not warned from time to time that the people preserve the spirit of resistance?*" At another time he reminded, "*The tree of Liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure.*"

When that kind of striving became inevitable in 1776, Thomas Jefferson spoke again: "*We do most solemnly, before God and the world declare that, regardless of every consequence, at the risk of every distress, the arms we have been compelled to assume we will use with the perseverance, exerting to their utmost energies all these powers which our Creator hath given us, to preserve that liberty which He committed to us in sacred deposit and to protect from every hostile hand our lives and our property.*"

The solution to our present crises? Perhaps that Tree of Liberty needs more manure?

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Enter the Conspirators

IN GOD'S NAME by David Yallop (Jonathan Cape, 334pp, R18,95)

If nothing else, this book is a masterpiece of research and a tribute to painstaking, diligent fact-finding. But it also carries the strident, disturbing ring of truth.

Author Yallop is not a man who undertakes a probe of this nature lightly; he is known for his exposés, as in *The Day the Laughter Stopped*, which helped to solve a 50-year-old murder involving the late Fatty Arbuckle, actor of the silent screen days. Another of Yallop's books, *Beyond Reasonable Doubt*, led to the freeing of a life prisoner in New Zealand and to an award to him of \$1m compensation.

In God's Name is a direct allegation that the late Pope John Paul I was murdered after only 33 days in office. He was killed because he had set himself the task of cleaning up the corruption in the Vatican — a cesspool, according to Yallop, of financial manipulation, intrigue, dishonesty and unmistakable Mafia connections.

Strong stuff for the average Catholic to swallow?



Perhaps. But the author is careful to lay the blame before the doors of senior Vatican officials; the previous Pope, Paul IV, emerges only as a pawn in the hands of such powerful figures as Cardinal Marcinkus, head of the Vatican Bank; Cardinal Jean Villot, Vatican Secretary of State; and Michele Sindona, a Sicilian banker now serving 25 years in an American prison. There were many others, including another "Prince of the Catholic Church" Chicago's Cardinal John Cody, head of the richest archdiocese in the world. Its income was estimated to be \$250m/year.

Hovering over them all like an evil wind was the figure of Licio Calvi — "Il Burattinaio," the Puppet Master — the most powerful

gangster in Italy and head of the vicious P2, the Masonic lodge which, despite the church's antipathy towards Freemasonry, virtually controlled the Vatican's finances. P2 manipulated people, placed its own members in the topmost hierarchy of the Italian government and came close to ruining the national economy by gerrymandering the banks to a point of near collapse.

Calvi owned the Banco Ambrosiano, a commercial bank into which, and through which, billions of lire were channelled. Banco Ambrosiano handled the foreign deals of the Vatican Bank, into whose vaults were deposited much of the dirty Mafia money ready for "laundering". In 1971, there also arrived a parcel of counterfeit bonds to the

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value of \$950m. A U.S. investigatory team, which included the FBI, traced the false bonds to the Vatican Bank, but received no help whatever from the senior officials there.

So involved were the financial affairs of the Vatican, so covered beneath layer upon layer of false trails, blind alleys and bogus accounts, that it required a commission of top investigators appointed by the Central Bank of Italy to probe the affairs of the Vatican Bank and its criminal machinations. At least two investigating magistrates were assassinated and the inquiries stopped. The Mafia had spoken.

What of the Pope himself? Albino Luciani (John Paul I) was in many ways a remarkable man. Gentle, modest, learned and utterly devoted to the church he served, he was entirely honest and incorruptible. His election to the papal throne, unsought for and unwanted by him, came as a great shock to the Vatican financiers, who recognised the ominous writing on the wall. It also bitterly disappointed the Roman *Curia*, the inner committee of leading Vatican churchmen who virtually rule the Catholic bastion. The *Curia* didn't relish a Pope who was known to be progressive in his views, particularly concerning birth control, an issue which threatened to split the church.

But most particularly,

the new Pope had, in his short month in office, clearly announced his intention of cleaning out the Augean stable of corruption in the Vatican Bank. He had already issued orders for the removal of Cardinal Marcinkus and a number of his subordinates and, the day before his death, had sacked Secretary of State Villot. He let it be known that Cardinal Cody of Chicago must be immediately retired, and he had transferred the reactionary Cardinal Sebastiano Baggio to Venice. For the Mafia in Italy, Sicily and the U.S. things were looking grave.

On the night of September 28, 1978, just 33 days after his election, Pope John Paul I retired to his bedroom at 9.30 p.m. At 4.30 the following morning, Sister Vincenza, who attended the Pope, discovered him sitting up in bed with a book in his hand. There was a grimace of death on his face.

What followed is remarkable, to say the least. Villot, still nominally in charge of Vatican affairs, was summoned, and it was he who took possession of the Pope's medicine bottles, his glasses and slippers. He also removed the Pope's will from his study desk. None of these items were ever seen again.

Villot immediately ordered the embalming of the body, which would destroy any chance of finding poison in it. In fact, a car was

at once sent to fetch the official embalmers, before even the doctors were informed. Villot also imposed a vow of silence on Sister Vicenza. The media were not informed until some hours later. The impression of a cover-up is hard to resist.

Was the gentle "Smiling Pope" as Luciani had become known, removed from office by murder? All the evidence is, of course, circumstantial, but the inferences are unmistakable. Many powerful financiers, politicians and gangsters stood to lose a lot from the bristles of John Paul's new broom; there is no doubt of that. So, too, did the dyed-in-the-wool Catholic hardliners. So, indeed, did a number of those Vatican *apparatchniks* who were undeservedly entrenched in good, paying jobs. The Pope who was devoting so much unwelcome attention to the poor, the downtrodden and the oppressed had earned the opprobrium of some very powerful enemies indeed. His regime had become intolerable to them.

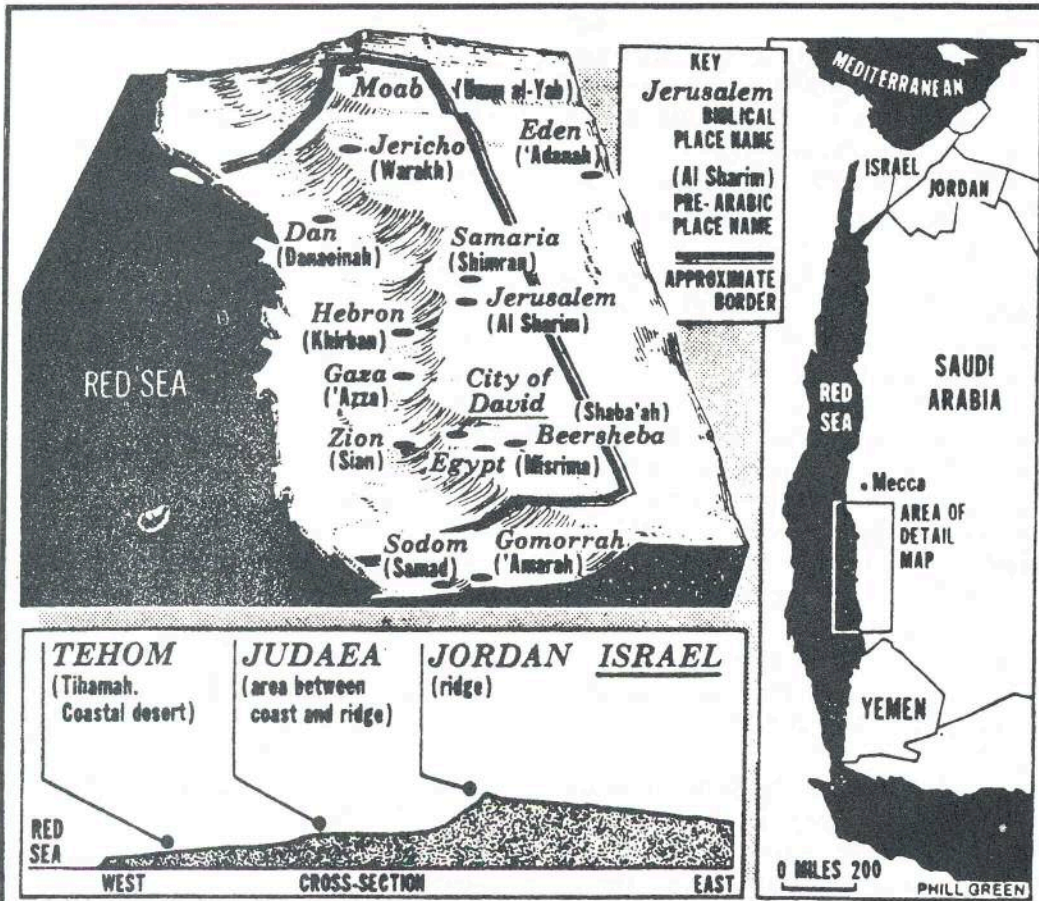
Research Department Comment: David Yallop has now called for a full public inquiry into the Pope's death in 1978, including the exhumation of his body and an independent post-mortem examination. Not surprisingly he has come under numerous attacks, but claims he now has proof that his research was correct.▲

Did Moses and the Israelites really come from Arabia?

BEIRUT — Israel's Jews may be living in the wrong country. A new piece of research by a Lebanese scholar suggests that the events of the Old Testament did not take place in Palestine but in south-west Arabia.

The news is unlikely to alter the plans of Shimon Peres or Yitzhak Shamir on the formation of Israel's next government. But this bizarre theory will certainly buzz in Jerusalem. It could also surprise Arabs to learn that Moses may have been an early Saudi citizen.

The suggestion, backed by a mass of detailed geographical and linguistic evidence, is advanced in a new book by a distinguished professor of history at the American University of Beirut, Kamal Salibi. His book, *The Bible Came From Arabia*, has already caused a storm in academic circles in West Germany, where it is to be published shortly



The land of the Old Testament, according to the new claims, covered the Arabian area now known as Asir. Israel would have stretched from the Red Sea desert of Tihama into the lush hills of Judea and up the ridge translated in the Bible as Jordan.

by the magazine *Der Spiegel*.

Professor Salibi does not dispute that, by the time of Jesus, Jewish history had become firmly rooted in Palestine. Nor does he deny that there was a Jewish presence in Palestine even in Old Testament times.

But the theory he develops — one that outraged biblical scholars have so far been unable to refute — is that the Old Testament relates a story which unfolded in the fertile coastal hills of western Arabia, now the Saudi provinces of Asir and the southern Hejaz. It is there, Professor Salibi says, that

David and Solomon established their kingdoms and that the origins of Judaism, Christianity and Islam should be sought.

Not surprisingly the fur is flying even before publication of the book, a copy of which reached *The Sunday Times*. And not only the world of biblical scholarship will be thrown into disarray if Professor Salibi is right. Israel stakes its claim to Middle East statehood on the basis of the Old Testament kingdoms, while Saudi Arabia would hardly welcome the idea that the original land of Israel is on its territory.

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Professor Salibi, a 55-year-old Lebanese Christian, cannot easily be dismissed as a crank. He is the author of several highly-regarded books on the history of Lebanon, Syria and Arabia, and is well aware that he is putting his considerable reputation on the line by advancing these explosive ideas.

He stumbled on his theory by accident. Dissatisfied by the lack of early source material on Arabia, he set out to see what he could discover by studying the linguistic and geographical patterns of pre-Arabic place-names in the west of the region, where many towns, villages and local features still bear names dating back into far antiquity.

"I was simply searching for place-names of non-Arabic origin in western Arabia when the evidence that the whole Bible land was there struck me in the face," he writes. "Nearly all the biblical place-names were concentrated in an area approximately 600 km long by 200 km wide, comprising what are today Asir and the southern part of the Hejaz."

Professor Salibi adds: "All the co-ordinates of the places involved, as described in the Hebrew Bible, were also traceable there — a fact of the first importance since these co-ordinates have never really proved traceable in the countries hitherto believed to have been the Bible lands."

His discovery was made possible only by the publication in Riyadh in 1977 of the first comprehensive Saudi gazetteer, listing and locating thousands of Arabian place-names.

To test his theory, he went back to the Old Testament's original, unvowelled Hebrew texts — in the belief that the scholars who scrupulously collated, standardised and vocalised the biblical texts, between the 6th and 10th centuries A.D., unwittingly misconstrued many passages because the events they related occurred in a quite different setting from the assumed one.

To his astonishment, he found he could swiftly pinpoint the locations of the stories concerned and follow them through as the characters moved from place to place.

He concluded that many of the place-names in the biblical texts had been unrecognised as such and were translated as nouns instead — and that in other cases, because the action was assumed to be in Palestine, place-names were often allocated in quite the wrong direction.

A case in point is the word translated throughout the Bible as "Egypt" — *MSRYM* in the original unvocalised text. Professor Salibi believes that, in some contexts, it clearly does mean Egypt, but that in other crucial passages it refers to the area around the southern Asir villages of Misrima and Al-Misir.

He argues that the captivity of the Israelites was not in Egypt but in the Misrima area, from where Moses led them on a wandering route in and around Asir and the desert in the east, before Joshua finally conducted them across *HYRDN* (translated throughout the Bible as "Jordan") into the Promised Land.

Professor Salibi maintains that *HYRDN* is not the name of a river but means "The Ridge", and is generally applied to the huge escarpment which dominates Asir, running parallel to the Red Sea all the way from the southern Hejaz to the mountains of Yemen.

This, he says, explains why there is no specific biblical reference to the Jordan as a river.

He also argues that another frequent word *tehom*, normally translated as "the deep", really refers to the Tihama, the coastal desert which runs along the Red Sea shore.

And he places the original City of David not in Old Testament Jerusalem but on a defensive ridge about 80 km to the south which today bears the name Qa-wat Sian — the Hill of Zion.

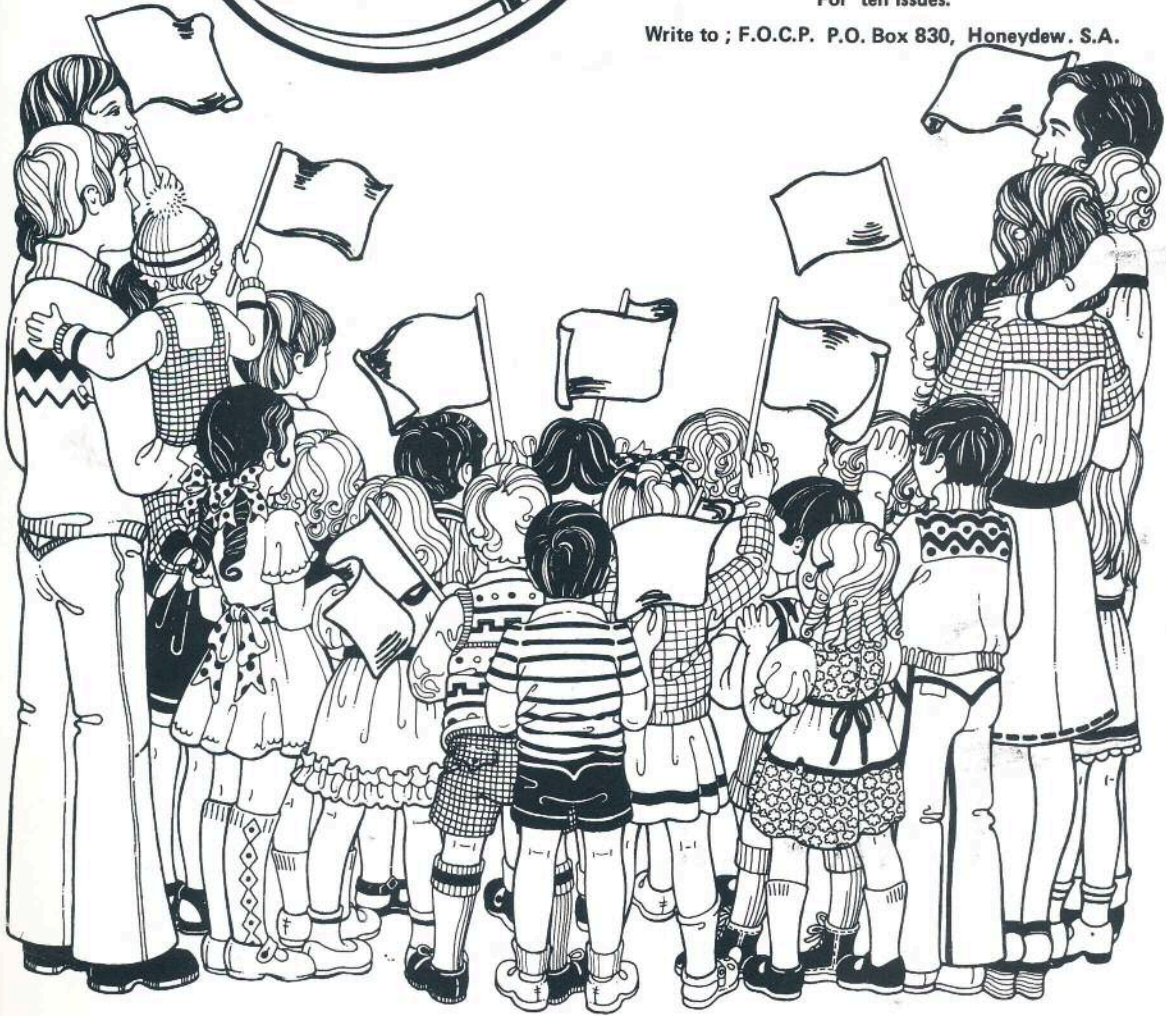
Professor Salibi believes the four ancient biblical place-names still found in Israel were carried there by nostalgic migrants from west Arabia, when the focus of Jewish history switched to Palestine.

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